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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after Page 2, Line 5:

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

Some embodiments may be directed to techniques for a cable modem. For example, an incoming cable stream may be monitored for a decryption key. If the decryption key is present, then the decryption key may be decrypted in a host personal computer (PC) that is associated with the cable modem but separate from the cable modem. The decryption key may be used to decrypt the cable stream.

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